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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Barry M. Goldwater
Chairman, Senate Select Committee
on Intelligence

SUBJECT: Core Intelligence Capability Study

1. A plan has been developed for examining the Intelligence Community's capability to accomplish necessary analysis over the full range of our responsibilities. This study will identify intelligence targets and associated tasks, define minimum capabilities--in terms of analysts and data bases--required to perform these tasks, describe our current capabilities for each target, and show the gaps which exist between our current capabilities and the required minimum. Finally, the study will indicate in specific programmatic terms how we expect to bridge those existing gaps.

2. For your information, a copy of our study plan is attached. A final report is anticipated by 1 March 1985, which will fully address your concerns on the Community's core intelligence capability and, I believe, satisfy your request for such a study. I believe also that this study will provide a useful basis for Community programming and planning, and thus will prove to be beneficial to us for systematically addressing resource allocation issues.

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